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## AFRICA

**My March to Timbuctoo.** By General Joffre. With a biographical introduction by Ernest Dimnet. 169 pp. Map. Duffield & Co., New York, 1915. 75 cents. 7½ x 5.

In 1892 Major Joffre of the French army (36 years old) was sent to French West Africa to superintend the building of the railroad from Kayes, at the head of navigation on the Senegal River, to Bammako on the Niger. Long before Major Joffre had completed his task he was ordered to lead a military force up the west side of the Niger to take possession of the country and to assist Col. Bonnier, who had entered Timbuctoo, but, five days later, was killed by the Tuaregs, with 11 of his officers. No one knew this till Joffre heard it when approaching the famous town; so he hurried on to Timbuctoo, trounced the Tuaregs till he was triumphant and established so firmly French supremacy over Timbuctoo and that whole part of French West Africa that it has never since been in jeopardy to this day.

In this book he tells the story of that northern march and of the strenuous work at the end of it; all with such brevity and clearness that the reader is reminded of the style of Cæsar's Commentaries. It was his first great opportunity. On the border of the Niger he unconsciously paved the way for the steady advancement that came to him, till now he is the supreme commander of the French forces in the present conflict.

The introduction in 48 pp. is a well-written account of Joffre from his boyhood up. The chief impression it conveys is that, as boy and man, he was never showy, never scheming, but rose from place to place only as he was called to higher service by demonstrated capacity to fulfill its duties.

**Wild Game in Zambezia.** By R. C. F. Maugham. xii and 376 pp. Map, ills., index. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1914. 9 x 6.

In this hunter's guide the material has been so carefully arranged that the book may be used as a fairly comprehensive text of the fauna of Zambezia. The author has largely subordinated his own exploits, but his book will be helpful to other seekers of wild game; and the public will find the work a good source book of original observations not only on the big game but also on the reptiles, birds and insects of the region. Considerable detail is given of the habitat, food and noteworthy and special characteristics of each animal and of the indications in any locality of the presence of animals. Accounts of insect pests include a chapter on the tsetse fly. General advice concerning equipment and conduct is given.

ROBERT M. BROWN.

**The Rediscovered Country.** By Stewart E. White. vii and 358 pp. Map, ills. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, 1915. \$2. 8½ x 5½.

The rediscovered country is a virgin game field along the boundary line between British East Africa and German East Africa between Lake Natron and Victoria Nyanza. The author gives a most readable account of his adventures. The appendices include a guide for the novice, a brief annotated list of game and a discussion of the mooted question of animal coloration.

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**Im Hochland von Mittel-Kamerun.** Von Franz Thorbecke. I. Teil. 101 pp. Map, ills. *Abhandl. Hamburg. Kolonialinst.*, Vol. 21 (Reihe C, Vol. 1). L. Friederichsen & Co., Hamburg, 1914. 11 x 7½.

Unfamiliar ground was opened to knowledge by Dr. Thorbecke's expedition into the unexplored highlands of Kamerun. He found that the hills establish a difference in climate which provides a sanitary change from the unwholesome conditions at Duala and other settlements on the coast. Dr. Thorbecke was accompanied by his wife, to whom we owe excellent photographs of landscape and folk. The volume presents the day's marches and the impressions made upon the travelers by the new country. It is planned to present the formal record of results in a succeeding volume. Such an exploration conducted by a